

QUITE ABLE TO HOLD HIS OWN.

London Has an Athletic Preacher
Who Is as Good as Corbett.

Athletic Christianity has found, as the French say, a new expression. It is not any more represented by a muscular person merely. In the sanctuary itself there must be a boxing ring for the practice of the noble sport of making noses bloody. There is a church in London thus equipped. It is Holy Trinity of Shoreditch, and since Rev. A. O. Jay became its gymnastic director, that once tough, licentious, iniquitous quarter has been transformed into a fair and smiling and church-loving neighborhood. Its people used to be famous for fights and murders. Now they are good-tempered and law-abiding. Such excesses of animal spirits as, under the old dispensation, were wont to urge them to violence and brutality, is now so far utilized by sport and exercise that no impulse is left for its vicious and wanton employment. The logic is simple. Keep a horse well driven and he cuts no capers.

"Nothing will ever rouse the people of that part," said the Bishop of Wakefield before Father Jay went there, "except the last trump. And then they will respond too late." There were blind, squalid alleys and filthy courts. There were women sodden with drink, quarreling and struggling like wild creatures, men bruised and battered, all the marks of vice upon them, outcasts, sordid and despairing, with out for shelter; and the very children, with coarse oaths and obscene jests watched like beasts for anything, dishonest or otherwise, which might come their way. Poverty and drink were the main features, but the wretched people drank not to enjoy, but to forget.

Father Jay built a church. Its auditorium and altar were on the second floor. On its first floor were a gymnasium and boxing ring. These sporting features, peculiar as they may seem, really are a part and parcel of the approved parochial system in vogue in that section of London. This is one of Father Jay's methods of drawing the rough characters out of the neighborhood. The reverend gentleman himself often dons the gloves and he goes in for a "sight of the claret." It was that that won for him the respect of the fighting toughs. Other clergymen might excommunicate to their elegant congregations the savage custom of fist fights. But he went into the training place for the pugilists and he beat them at their own game.

The club is always open, even on Sunday afternoons. Regulations are few and easy. Men may smoke, and they are not required to remove their headgear. Illustrated papers are provided for them, and frequently a woman will drop in and play for them. In the church itself a short service is held at 4 o'clock, which is entirely voluntary, but is usually well attended, the church often being so crowded that an overflow service has to be held in the club room. The behavior of the men now, as a rule, leaves nothing to be desired, but if on rare occasions there is any tendency to misbehavior Father Jay simply, to use his expressive term, "passes" the delinquents out. After the service tea and bread and butter are served to all who care to remain to partake of them.—London News Budget.

Microscopic Writing.

Some time since a Paris paper offered a prize for the very best specimen of microscopic handwriting, and several wonderful examples of skill were submitted. The winner was a man who managed to copy every word of two pages of a large newspaper on a postal card of the average size. Another candidate, who probably intended to ingeniously allude to a famous incident in the history of the discovery of America, wrote a life of Columbus and a history of his discoveries on a common hen egg. One submitted 19,000 words from Coppee's novel, "Henrietta," written on the back of a cabinet photograph, and another 302 words written on a grain of common white corn.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

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